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## **DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FILED FOR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN ASSETS OF SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P. TO STI PREPAID, LLC**

### **STREAMLINED PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED**

**WC Docket No. 08-91**

**Comments Due: July 1, 2008**

**Reply Comments Due: July 8, 2008**

On June 6, 2008, Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) and STi Prepaid, LLC (STi Prepaid) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application pursuant to section 63.03 of the Commission's rules to transfer all of Sprint's assets related to the provision of prepaid calling card services to STi Prepaid.<sup>1</sup> Sprint, a Delaware limited partnership, provides interstate telecommunications services nationwide and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Sprint Nextel Corporation. STi Prepaid, a Delaware limited liability company, provides interstate telecommunications services nationwide. Applicants describe the ownership of STi Prepaid as follows: BEI Prepaid, LLC, a Delaware-based telecommunications holdings company, owns a 75 percent interest in STi Prepaid. David Larsen, a U.S. citizen, holds a 10 percent non-voting membership interest in BEI Prepaid, LLC. BEI Prepaid Holdings, LLC, also a Delaware-based telecommunications holding company, owns a 90 percent membership interest and a 100 percent voting interest in BEI Prepaid, LLC. BEI Prepaid Holdings, LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Baldwin Enterprises Inc., a Colorado corporation whose principal business is investment. Baldwin Enterprises Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Phlcorp, Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation whose principal business is investment holdings. Phlcorp, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Leucadia National Corporation, a publicly-traded New York investment corporation. Ian Cumming and Joseph Steinberg, both U.S. citizens, each hold a 13 percent interest in Leucadia National Corporation. ST Finance, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company whose principal business is securities holdings, owns a 25 percent interest in STi Prepaid, and Samer Tawfik, a U.S. citizen, indirectly owns a 100 percent membership interest in ST Finance, LLC.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.03; *see* 47 U.S.C. § 214. Applicants are also filing an application for transfer of control associated with authorization for international services. Any action on this domestic section 214 application is without prejudice to Commission action on other related, pending applications.

<sup>2</sup> Applicants state that BEI Prepaid, LLC, BEI Prepaid Holdings, LLC, David Larsen, and ST Finance, LLC do not hold interests in telecommunications entities other than STi Prepaid. They state that Baldwin Enterprises Inc., Phlcorp, Inc., Leucadia National Corporation, Ian Cumming, and Joseph Steinberg hold approximately a 40 percent interest in entities providing telecommunications services outside the U.S., and that Samer Tawfik owns a 100 percent interest in Dialaround Enterprises Inc. (DEI) that provides interstate and intrastate interexchange services in all states except Alaska, Delaware, and Tennessee.

Pursuant to the terms of the proposed transaction, Sprint will transfer its prepaid calling card assets, including card inventory, customer agreements and contracts, vendor agreements and contracts, promotional materials, and the rights to host personal identification numbers used to make prepaid calls, to STi Prepaid.<sup>3</sup> Applicants assert that the proposed transaction is entitled to presumptive streamlined treatment under section 63.03(b)(2)(i) of the Commission's rules and that a grant of the application will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity.<sup>4</sup>

Application Filed for the Transfer of Certain Assets of Sprint Communications Company L.P. to STi Prepaid, LLC, WC Docket No. 08-91 (filed June 6, 2008).

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Wireline Competition Bureau finds, upon initial review, that the transfer of control identified herein is acceptable for filing as a streamlined application. The Commission reserves the right to return any transfer of control application if, upon further examination, it is determined to be defective and not in conformance with the Commission's rules and policies. Pursuant to section 63.03(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(a), interested parties may file comments **on or before July 1, 2008**, and reply comments **on or before July 8, 2008**. Unless otherwise notified by the Commission, the Applicants may transfer control on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the date of this notice.<sup>5</sup> Comments must be filed electronically using (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(a) ("All comments on streamlined applications shall be filed electronically . . ."); *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS, <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>, or the Federal eRulemaking Portal, <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
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<sup>3</sup> Applicants state that, following the closing of the transaction, they will notify customers of Sprint's prepaid calling cards that STi Prepaid is the new service provider when a customer calls the toll free access number for the card in order to make a call or contacts customer service. Sprint also plans to post a notice on its website informing card customers that STi Prepaid is the service provider and that Sprint's domestic prepaid card rates will remain in effect for at least 12 months.

<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(i).

<sup>5</sup> Such authorization is conditioned upon receipt of any other necessary approvals from the Commission in connection with the proposed transaction.

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